

REMARKS

Amendments to the claims

Claim 1 has been amended to recite *"two supporting frames having upper ends, and lower ends that are connected respectively and pivotally to said connecting members of said slide units such that said upper ends of said supporting frames can ~~rotate~~ pivot toward and away from each other about the pivotal connection of the lower ends"*. This amendment is supported by the application as filed, and in particular Fig. 3 and the corresponding portion of the specification.

Claim 4 has been amended to recite *"a positioning member connected pivotally to a corresponding one of said connecting members of said slide units and having a ~~fixed~~ fixedly connected insert portion"*. This amendment is supported by the application as filed, and in particular Figs. 5, 6 and the corresponding portion of the specification.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1

The Examiner asserts that in claim 1, lines 33-34, it is unclear how the "supporting frames" are able to rotate toward and away from each other. The Applicant notes that claim 1 has been amended to recite that the supporting frames have *"lower ends that are connected respectively and pivotally"* to the connecting members of the slide units such that the upper ends of the supporting frames *"can pivot toward and away from each other about the pivotal connection of the lower ends"*, and submit that amended claim 1 clearly recites that the upper ends of the supporting frames are movable toward and away from each other by way of a pivotal movement of the supporting frames, said pivotal movement being centered on the pivotal connections of the lower ends of the supporting frames. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that amended claim 1 complies

with 35 U.S.C. 112, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 1.

Claim 4

The Examiner asserts that in claim 4, it is vague and indefinite as to how the positioning member is able to connect pivotally to one of the connected member of the slide units. The Applicant notes that claim 4 has been amended to recite "*a positioning member connected pivotally to a corresponding one of said connecting members of said slide units and having a fixedly connected insert portion*", and submits that amended claim 4 clearly recites that the positioning member has an insert portion which is fixedly connected to the positioning member, and thus clearly recites that said insert portion is not fixed relative to the slide units, but move along with the positioning member (which is pivotally connected to the slide units). Accordingly, the Applicant submits that amended claim 4 complies with 35 U.S.C. 112, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 4.

Claim 5

The Examiner asserts that in claim 5, lines 6-7, it appears that the L-shaped rod may not be compatible with connecting to one of the zigzag rod portions. The Applicant respectfully disagrees, and notes that Figs. 5 and 6 and page 5, lines 7-13 of the specification in particular clearly show L-shaped rod 536 connecting with zigzag rod portion 534 (one "horizontal" leg of the L-shaped rod being connected to zigzag rod portion 534 and one "vertical" leg of the L-shaped rod being provided for entering one of the positioning holes 511). Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claim 5 complies with 35 U.S.C. 112, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 5.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, and stand rejected for being dependent on rejected claim 1. The Applicant submits that since amended claim 1 complies with 35 U.S.C. 112 and is patentable, claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 accordingly comply

with 35 U.S.C. 112, and therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6 and 7.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 1-7 stand allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. The Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to claims 1-7, and submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 have been overcome.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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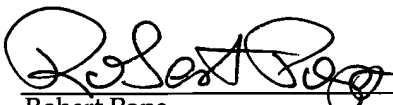
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